

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Prior to examination, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment in which the abstract has been amended to contain 150 words or less.

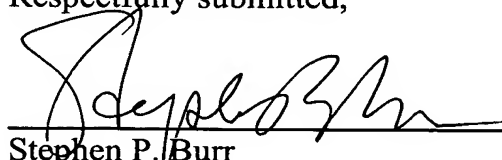
Claims 1-9 are pending herein. Applicants have amended claims 4-8 to eliminate multiple dependent claims. No new matter has been added. Applicants believe the case is now in condition for examination.

If the Examiner believes that contact with applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, he is herein requested to call applicants' attorney at the phone number noted below.

October 3, 2003

Date

Respectfully submitted,



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